



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Kent Hatcher, Director School and Community Nutrition

DATE: January 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Indiana Department of Education \$5,550 *Game On!* Mini-grants

Indiana was awarded a 2009 USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant to implement *Game On! The Ultimate Wellness Challenge* during school year 2010-2011. This program provides specific instruction and resources designed to engage students, teachers, administrators, nutrition staff, parents and community volunteers. An excellent program for schools seeking help to implement wellness policies and initiatives, *Game On!* helps increase awareness and leads to behavior changes that positively impact health and achievement. More information about *Game On!* is available at www.ActionForHealthyKids.org.

Project Eligibility Requirements

- Elementary and middle schools are eligible to apply.
- Schools must already participate in the National School Lunch Program.
- A school must be a Team Nutrition School or sign up to become one prior to implementing the mini-grant. (It's FREE! Visit <http://teamnutrition.usda.gov> to learn more.)
- Schools must show willingness to partner with the community.

Key Benefits Include:

- Mini-grants of \$5,550 will be disbursed to 30 schools to implement *Game On!* activities supporting nutrition and physical activity.
- Materials, resources, and technical assistance will be provided throughout the school year in addition to a May, 2010 training at Indiana University. Reimbursement for travel to the training (mileage/parking) as well as substitute teacher/staff pay (\$76/person) will be available.
- Schools will learn how to use the Action for Healthy Kids web-based wellness policy tracker for documenting and assessing school wellness activities.
- Grant writing assistance will be provided to help schools to sustain their wellness efforts.
- A "best practices" publication will be created to showcase the work of each school and promote available resources.

How to Apply

Interested schools must complete the *Game On!* application by **Monday, March 1, 2010**. For more information visit: http://www.doe.in.gov/food/training/Indiana_Game_On_Application.doc
Contact nutrition-support@doe.in.gov if you have questions about the application.